

February 7, 1993

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I'm 72, retired, and have enjoyed building and flying model airplanes since 1932. It's my only hobby, and affords me many hours of pleasure.

I started building and flying radio controlled models about 20 years ago, and belong to two clubs which fly only radio controlled model aircraft. In addition to our members, many spectators enjoy watching our activities. Needless to say, I have a considerable investment in both radio control equipment and models.

Without going into lengthy technical detail, Senator Feinstein, for some time we have been organized 50

If the number of frequencies is decreased as proposed  
1 the FCC the remaining frequencies will become L.O.O.

The Honorable Diane Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

1993 FEB 12 AM 9:34

Dear Senator Feinstein,

I am writing to you over my concern about the proposed rule  
**PR Docket 92-235.**

I understand that this rule would make frequencies available in between those currently in use by radio control modelers. Worse yet, these new transmitters would be much more powerful than those used in radio control, and they would also be allowed for mobile use; frequency conflicts certainly would result.

I am an active modeler, and operate radio controlled aircraft on a regular basis. These aircraft can weigh up to 12 pounds, and fly in excess of 100 miles per hour. I own approximately 15 pieces of radio equipment that would be rendered useless should this rule be enacted.

I am very concerned about the possibility of 92-235 being enacted, and these aircraft becoming unguided missiles at random!

I am asking you to seriously consider the implications this rule change could cause, and to act responsibly to stop this change before someone who may not be aware of the dangers is injured or killed.

Thank you for considering this matter,



Keith C. Love  
311 San Miguel Court, #4  
Milpitas, CA 95036

5234 Via Tizon  
Oceanside, CA 92057

Feb. 5 1993

93 FEB 12 01 9:28

Senator Diane Feinstein,  
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg.,  
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein,

I, like thousands of others are deeply involved in both building, and flying model aircraft. I belong to the local Radio Control Club and have several thousand dollars invested in radios, models, and equipment.

I am very concerned about changes to the present rules which are under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is FR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules, will greatly reduce the usability of radio frequencies currently assigned for model use and will increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

The radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However the radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The FCC now wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. The 50 frequencies which are presently available for radio control operations only 19 will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of radio frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I do not think it wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of pleasure and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry. Companies who manufacture radios and models would ultimately be affected by this situation.

Please help to continue the safe environment by assisting to defeat the FCC proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely

*James M. Black*

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

February 4, 1993

Dear Senator Feinstein:

1993 FEB 12 AM 9:25

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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FREMONT, CALIFORNIA  
FEBRUARY 8, 1993

DEAR SENATOR FEINSTEIN

I AM A RETIRED UNITED AIRLINES MAINTENANCE  
TECHNICIAN RESIDING IN THE STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA. I AM STILL ACTIVELY INVOLVED  
IN AVIATION, BUT NOW IT IN THE FORM OF  
RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL AIRPLANES.

7 FEBRUARY 1993

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THE HONORABLE DIANE FEINSTEIN  
UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON D.C.

DEAR SENATOR FEINSTEIN,

I AM GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT PROPOSED RULES CURRENTLY BEING  
CONSIDERED BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. IT IS  
NPRM-PR DOCKET 92-235. SHOULD IT BE ADOPTED IT WILL GREATLY  
REDUCE MY ABILITY TO USE RADIO CONTROL (R/C) FREQUENCIES SO  
VIGOROUSLY FOUGHT FOR AND ASSIGNED BY THE FCC FOR MODEL USE.  
THIS REDUCTION WILL GREATLY INCREASE THE RISK OF ACCIDENTS AND

CONTINUED:

WHEN WE FLY OUR R/C AIRCRAFT, GREAT LENGTHS ARE TAKEN TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF OPERATORS, SPECTATORS, AND SURROUNDING AREAS. OUR SAFETY PRECAUTIONS INVOLVE THE CAREFUL COORDINATION AND USE OF THESE R/C FREQUENCIES. IF THE NUMBER OF FREQUENCIES DIMINISH THEN THE REMAINING FREQUENCIES BECOME CONGESTED AND OUR SAFETY MARGINS INCREASE. MANY OF OUR AIRCRAFT HAVE WING-SPANS OF TEN FEET OR MORE AND SOME CAN EXCEED THIRTY POUNDS. THEY ARE EXSPENSIVE TO CONSTRUCT, RADIO EQUIP AND FLY, BUT MORE TO THE POINT THEY CAN CAUSE PROPERTY DAMAGE AND/OR SERIOUS INJURY DUE TO LOSS OF CONTROL IF A LAND MOBILE OPERATOR IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY AND SEND A STRONGER SIGNAL. THIS SIGNAL CAN SWAMP AND OVER RIDE THE R/C SIGNAL CAUSING THE ABOVE SITUATION TO OCCUR. I AND MY FELLOW FLYERS ENTER AND FLY AT LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CONTESTS WITH UPWARDS OF HUNDREDS OF COMPETITORS, THEREFORE WE NEED THE USE OF OUR FULL COMPLEMENT OF LEGALLY ASSIGNED FREQUENCIES TO ASSURE A SAFE FLYING ENVIRONMENT.

PERSONALLY I DON'T THINK THIS IS A WISE MOVE ON THE PART OF THE FCC TO TRY AND IMPROVE THE OPERATING CONDITIONS OF MOBILE LAND OPERATORS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE R/C MODELER. IT MAY NOT BE THOUGHT THAT I AM AS IMPORTANT AS BUSINESS USERS OF RADIOS BUT I HAVE A CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT IN MODELS, TIME AND MONEY AS DOES MY FELLOW FLYERS NATIONWIDE AND THE HOBBY INDUSTRY AND R/C MANUFACTURERS.



NPRM-PR 92-235

CONTINUED:

I AM A RETIRED FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE (35 YEARS). I BUILT MY FIRST MODEL AIRPLANE IN 1936, AND HAVE PROGRESSED TO WHERE I AM AT TODAY, A CERTIFIED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR. ALL BECAUSE OF MY LOVE FOR AVIATION ( MODELS AND FULL SIZED AIRCRAFT). I DERIVE GREAT ENJOYMENT IN BUILDING AND FLYING R/C AIRCRAFT. AT PRESENT I AM SECRETARY FOR OUR LOCAL R/C CLUB, I FLY COMPETITIONS LOCAL AND REGIONALLY. I HAVE INVESTED IN FIVE RADIOS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT AND HAVE TWELVE MODELS IN VARIOUS STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION AND FLYABILITY. IS THE HOBBY EXPENSIVE?? YES!!! IS THE HOBBY ENJOYABLE?? YOUR DARN TOOTIN !!! BEYOND MEASURE!!!

IN CLOSING ALL I ASK IS: DON'T ALLOW THE FCC A CHANCE TO CLOSE OUT A PART OF OUR HERITAGE.

THANK YOU AND SINCERELY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Homer D. Michelsen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

HOMER D. MICHELSEN

3929 SPARROW COURT

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA, 95356-0243

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ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS #39594

2003 FEB 12 PM 4:42

Carmichael CA  
9 February 1993

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: PR Docket 92-235 - Prosposed Rules Under Consideration  
by the FCC.

Dear Senator Feinstein,

I currently operate Radio Controlled Model airplanes and boats in the FCC allocated frequency band of 72-76 MHz. Our frequency control procedures combined with the 20 KHz frequency spacing allows us to safely share the band with other mobile dispatch usage(Pagers).

As I understand the proposed changes, transmitters with 3 to 4 times as much power will be authorized with 5 KHz (or less) of separation from our Radio Control channels. This would render our equipment inoperable. Upgrading our equipment to work at the 20 KHz spacing has been costly, equipment that will work at 5KHz spacing is unavailable to us.

I do not feel that the FCC is improving the land-mobile program by sacraficing the existing Radio Control frequency allotments. Any help that you could provide to assist the FCC in making equitable use of the land-mobile frequency band woud be greatly appreciated. The future of the Radio Control Hobby depends on it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Owen S. Black". The signature is fluid and written in dark ink.

Owen S. Black  
4920 Cypress Ave.  
Carmichael, CA 95608

Eliot Shulman  
4223 Freedom Dr. #104  
Calabasas, Ca. 91302

1993 FEB 12 AM 9:16

The Honorable Diane Feinstein

**JACK LOBENBERG**

Consulting Traffic Engineer

6224 Dawnridge Way

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Feb 9, 1993

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes here in the Sacramento area.

The reason I am writing you is that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering new rules (PR DOCKET 92-235) which will greatly reduce the availability of frequencies currently allocated for

**JACK LOBENBERG**

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injury, or even death if radio interference cause the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models in large groups and at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure safe flying environments.

I do not think it wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land radio mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal for the 72-76 MHz for

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely

Jack Lobenberg

P.S.

When you're in Sacramento and have some spare time I would be happy to take you out to a flying field so you can see what it is all about.

428-12-214:33 February 4, 1993

The Honorable Mrs Dianne Fiseinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mrs Fiseinstein,

Hi, my name is Christopher L Fenney. I fly radio control airplanes. This letter is in regards to the new proposal by the FCC, the PR Docket 92-235 rule change. I work in the motion picture industry free lance which means that I am not employed all the time. So, flying models airplane is a nice and safe hobby in between jobs. Until now, our radio frequencies operate in the 72 to 76 MHz band. The FCC proposes to insert new frequencies in between our channels. This makes a possible 10 foot wing span, 30 to 40 pounds airplane a deadly, property destroying, projectile. We RC pilots spend a lot of time training and learning to fly, we take it very seriously, so the above statement doesn't happen. But now these new frequencies will make us lose control. You could say stop flying, but that would be unfair, especially to the hundred of thousands of elderly people who like myself have investment hundreds dollar in this sport. I am not elderly but I see how they enjoy it. So please help us continue the safe enjoyment of our pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal for the 72 to 76 MHz band. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Christopher L. Fenney

*Christopher Fenney*  
2759 McCulloch Ave.  
Camarillo, CA 93010.

February 8, 1993

92 FEB 12 PM 4:23

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am very active in a local club whose members build and fly radio controlled model airplanes. I have been building and flying airplanes for over forty years and find them to be very enjoyable. I have a considerable amount of time and money invested and I wanted to let you know I am very concerned about something which is threatening my hobby.

There are some proposed rules which are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will reduce the usable frequencies assigned for radio controlled model use and greatly increase the risk of accidents.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-75 Mhz band, a frequency spectrum we currently share with private land mobile dispatch operations. Currently, assigned frequencies for both dispatch operations and model control are far enough apart that we do not interfere with each other. The FCC is proposing to create more land mobile dispatch frequencies by splitting them into more narrow bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. We now have 50 usable frequencies for our planes. If the rules are adopted, we will have only 19 safe frequencies to use.

I am also an advanced class amateur radio operator so I know the technicalities of what the FCC is proposing. The FCC is proposing to "sandwich" additional frequencies into the free space which is currently used to provide the buffer zone and safety margin which prevents two adjacent radio signals from interfering with each other. Reducing this safety zone is not an appropriate way to provide additional frequencies. It is not safe and will mean that my fellow hobbyists and I cannot enjoy flying our models.

Some of our model planes have wingspans up to 10 feet and the planes weigh 30 to 40 pounds. As such, they are capable of causing substantial property damage, serious injury, or loss of life if we lose control due to radio interference. We fly our planes in areas away from people and property as much as possible but a "hit" from an interfering signal can cause our planes to fly out of the safe area and crash.

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
PR Docket 92-235  
February 8, 1993

Many people might believe that we are not as important as land mobile radio users but we have a considerable investment in our planes and radio equipment. Other frequencies are available for the land mobile radio users to use. The FCC does not have to ruin a hobby which provides enjoyment to me and thousands of other hobbyists.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals as proposed in PR Docket 92-235.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard K. Barber".

Richard K. Barber  
4508 Silvercrest Way  
Antioch, CA 94509



1/28/93

Dear Senator Feinstein;

93 JAN -3 PM 6:20  
I am a manufacturing manager and work many hours each week. To relieve the anxiety and pressures of the work world, I design, build and fly miniature aircraft. I am also a licensed private pilot of full size general aviation aircraft.

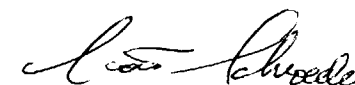
I am very concerned about the proposed rule changes regarding frequency use now being considered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) under PR Docket 92-235. If this is adopted, frequency use currently reserved for radio controlled aircraft would be greatly diminished.

The general thrust of the rule change would insert frequencies more closely bunched together allowing transmissions to potentially overlap each other. The miniature aircraft I fly weigh approximately 20-30 pounds and fly at nearly 100 mph. The sole source of control is the radio link. If interfered with or broken, the aircraft becomes an unguided projectile.

I do not believe this is a wise move on the part of the FCC although the lobbying of powerful interest groups is, no doubt, behind this. I have a considerable investment in this sport and thousands of others like myself help contribute to the advancement and development of the aviation industry.

Please help me to continue this most enjoyable pastime and do not allow the FCC to carry out its proposals under PR Docket 92-235.

Sincerely,



January 29, 1993 91553-3 File 6:28

FCC  
1919 M ST. NW  
Washington DC 20554

Gentlemen: Ref: PR Docket 92-235

As a retiree, I enjoy using the radio control frequencies to control models. I can not remember when such activity "grabbed" me but it was a long time ago and it has expanded over the years.

I am very concerned about the above change of rules which are under proposal before the Federal Communications Commission. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for modelers use. There could be an attendant risk of more accidents and increased liability for controlling such models.....

Furthermore, we modelers often use our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe modeling environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. Our uses of the radio frequencies are just as important to the commercial environment as any other interests. Thousands of people like myself contribute to the advancement and development of a very commercial industry.

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the above proposals to be carried out.

Sincerely,

*Anthony Roach*  
Anthony Roach

715 Comet Drive  
Foster City CA 94404

1/29/93

Copies to:

DEAR MADAM:

THE HON. DIANNE FEINSTEIN  
THE HON. BARBARA BOXER  
THE HON. TOM LANTOS

F.Y.I.

Thanks,

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**art busalacchi** 93 FEB -4 PM 7:33

p.o. box 6 sonora, ca 95370  
209-532-3802

JANUARY 31, 1993

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THE HONORABLE DIANNE FEINSTEIN  
UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D C 20510

REF: PR DOCKET 92-235

I AM WRITING TO YOU TO HELP OPPOSE THE PROPOSED RULE  
MAKING BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)  
(NPRM-PR DOCKET 92-235) WHICH, IF IMPLEMENTED, WILL HAVE A  
PROFOUND EFFECT ON MODEL RADIO CONTROL USE.

I AM RETIRED AND DERIVE MANY HOURS OF PLEASURE FROM  
BUILDING AND OPERATING RADIO CONTROLLED MODELS. I AM  
ACTIVE IN OUR LOCAL CLUB

I OWN SEVEN PIECES OF RADIO EQUIPMENT THAT WOULD BE  
UNUSABLE IF THIS FREQUENCY ASSIGNMENT IS ADOPTED. MY HOBBY  
SHOP BUSINESS INVOLVES 85% RADIO CONTROL SALES.

THE MODELS I BUILD WEIGH AS MUCH AS TEN POUNDS AND OPERATE  
AT SIXTY M.P.H.

OUR CLUB OPERATES AT A PUBLIC PARK. SINCE THE PROPOSED NEW  
FREQUENCIES ARE SO CLOSE, INTERFERENCE WILL OCCUR AND  
RENDER MOST MODEL FREQUENCIES UNUSABLE.

SINCERELY,

  
ART BUSALACCHI

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

1993 FEB -6 PM 7:34 January 21, 1993

Subject: FCC NPRM Pr Docket 92-235

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Let me begin by congratulating you on your recent election. Here's hoping things will change for the better in Washington. I am writing to request your assistance in the rejection of the subject proposal presently before the F.C.C. for adoption.

During the last five years we in the Radio Control Model hobby were required to replace all our equipment because the F.C.C. decreased our frequency spacing from 20 Khz to 10 Khz. The equipment replacement was very expensive and now they would all be obsoleted by this docket changing the spacing to 2.5 Khz.

Most of us have been interested in Radio Controlled Models for over thirty years and we spend much of our leisure time trying to help the younger generation to learn what a great hobby-sport this is. Certainly this wonderful pastime offers young people a great alternative to drugs, for this reason alone it is worthwhile.

This proposal, if adopted, would preclude the safe operation of model aircraft and make the operators subject to litigation for accidents caused by radio interference. The models I fly are large, fast, and expensive, therefore I take every precaution to operate them safely. There is no precaution I could take to prevent an accident caused by radio interference by another radio broadcasting perhaps miles away on a frequency only 2.5 Khz. away from my radio.

It is for the reasons I have stated that the proposals in FCC. NPRM PR Docket 92-235 to add frequencies between model and commercial frequencies not be adopted.

Sincerely

*Harlan Z. Murr*

2003 FEB -4 PM 7:12

2/1/93

TO: THE HONORABLE DIANNE FEINSTEIN

YOUR ATTENTION IS INVITED TO THE TWO ATTACHMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED RULE (NPRM - FR DOCKET 92-235) WHICH CREATES A MASSIVE RADIO FREQUENCY RESTRUCTURING - THE FIRST OF ITS TYPE IN 60 YEARS.

THE UNDERSIGNED IS A COL. USAF (RET.) WHO FLIES, AS A PRINCIPLE HOBBY, RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL AIRCRAFT. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS HOBBY FOR 20 YEARS. IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS DOCUMENT WOULD HAVE A PROFOUND EFFECT ON MODEL FREQUENCY USE. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT SOME 200,000 MODELERS WOULD BE AFFECTED IN THE U.S. IF THIS DOCUMENT IS PASSED IT WOULD RENDER USELESS SOME 19 FREQUENCIES NOW IN USE. IN OTHER WORDS, SOME \$10,000 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT THAT I NOW HAVE WOULD BE USELESS.

PLEASE HELP ME CONTINUE THE SAFE ENJOYMENT OF MY PASTIME BY NOT ALLOWING THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR THE 72-76 MHz BAND.

LIKE CORRESPONDENCE SENT TO:

FCC

HOWARD P (BUCK) MCKEON

BARBARA BOXER

DIANNE FEINSTEIN

SINCERELY,

Howard E. Short

HOWARD E. SHORT

P.O. BOX 711

LANCASTER, CA 93534

Michael T. Peck  
1300 26th Avenue, Apartment 203  
San Francisco, CA 94122

January 30, 1993

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

1993 FEB - 6 PM 7:12

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am a very active flyer of radio control airplanes and spend a great deal of my free time pursuing this hobby. I have invested over \$1000 in radio controls and aircraft. I feel my ability to fly my airplanes is in jeopardy due to proposed rule changes currently under consideration.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Mark W. Cowan  
1766 Mandan Place  
Fremont, CA 94539

1993 FEB -4 PM 7:03  
January 28, 1993

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

1993 FEB -4 PM 7:02

THE HONORABLE SENATOR  
DIAN FEINSTEIN

FEB 1 1993

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Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

WALTER L BURKE  
3258 E CHEVY CHASE DR  
GLENDALE CA 91206-1415



Sincerely,



January 29, 1993

The Honorable Diane Feinstein  
367 Dirksen Building  
Washington D.C.

1993 FEB -4 PM 6:58

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I have been modeling radio controlled aircraft for approximately 22 years. I shared this hobby with my father and am now sharing it with my own son. I am very active in local as well as national and international clubs. This is a great way to get kids off drugs, away from gangs and give them a sice of self-worth and accomplishment. I am very concerned about proposed rules currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is FR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules would greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model aircraft.

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When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and reduce the margin of safety which we have worked so hard for.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the model. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where literally hundreds of operators part-